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Catherine Gaucher, Millbury Educator, Honored for Twenty-Seven Years of Service

Millbury Selectmen declared December 4th "Catherine Gaucher Day" in honor of her retirement following 27 years of service in the Millbury Public School System. For the hundreds of local children and parents who have passed through Mrs. Gaucher's classroom or come to know her as the Elmwood Street School Assistant Principal, it's a fitting tribute to this much loved and respected woman.

The former Catherine Stockwell, Mrs. Gaucher began her teaching career in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, where she taught History and English at the regional high school. Following her marriage to John Gaucher in 1945, she taught in a little town called Colrain near the Vermont line. "It was a little 2 room school with 8 grades in it. I had 4-8 in my room and the other teacher had 1-3 on her side. We had no running water, no indoor facilities, and a little stove in the center of the room. A janitor came in early in the morning to get the fire started. To get there you had to cross a covered bridge."

After taking time out to raise her two children, Karen and John Tyler, Mrs. Gaucher again found herself teaching in a two room school house, this time in West Millbury. "We had some good years there. In the upstairs windows we would wave at Irving Stowe as he sprayed the apple trees in the Orchard. The partridges and pheasants would walk through the fields."

She also recalled the familial atmosphere that characterized the school. "I had 30 students; there were about 60 children off and on, and they were all West Millbury area kids, and they came in on Murphy's van. We used to have Memorial Day programs across the street in the chapel, and everybody in the whole West Millbury area came. It was a very close-knit community school. We hated to see it close. When it did close, Kelton (Elmwood Principal, Kelton Johnson) took me out of the country and brought me down into the town."

Her relationship with Johnson spans 17 years and has been one of mutual admiration. "He has been a good guideline to follow," she said, referring to their relationship as a "team".

"There is no question she will be truly missed by everyone. She is someone who has really and truly given herself to the children of the town. A finer person, you couldn't find." - Elmwood Street School Principal, Kelton Johnson

Mrs. Gaucher proudly displays the Selectmen's Proclamation of "Catherine Gaucher Day" (left), and a Citation from the Masachusetts House of Representatives, congratulating her on her years of service.

nson will sorely miss his right hand person. "She has always done an outstanding job and is a highly thought of and very warm person. There is no question she will be truly missed by everyone. She is someone who has really and truly given herself to the children of the town. A finer person, you couldn't find."

Following her years in West Millbury, Mrs. Gaucher taught at the former Union and Center Schools, completing the circle as Assistant Principal at Elmwood Street.

Mrs. Gaucher is not a soft-spoken woman; she is not timid, nor she is stern. She has a wonderful sense of humor that punctuates her conversation and an easy, thoughtful, up-beat, and graceful manner. She appears to maintain a magnificent balance between country charm and intelligent sophistication, both valuable assets in any profession.

Mrs. Gaucher has had ample opportunity to observe societal changes in children throughout the years. She noted one change in today's youngsters that may signal a return to some old-fashioned values. "We've gone through an age of not being polite, back to being polite," she said. "About 3 or 4 years ago, we were discouraged about the way children acted and interrupted the teacher. This year, all of a sudden, and I don't know what has caused it, the children are acting more politely. It's a grateful change. I hope it stays. Years ago children were expected to be polite, and then we went through a stage when no one expected it, and finally it's coming back. I don't know whether it's a stage that will last but I hope it will."

Statistics show that reading has become a low priority for many schoolchildren in the nation but Mrs. Gaucher was quick to praise the efforts of teachers at the Elmwood Street School who have placed a heavy emphasis on reading. "Every class has a 15 minute period of sustained reading where the children can read any book that they bring or any book that they get from the library, and the teacher has them read for fifteen minutes."

She also credited the many residents who volunteer their time in the school system. "I think the volunteer programs have brought wider programs into the school. Reading has been the emphasis they work on but I'm sure they can work on it in other areas such as math. I would also like to see it done with history. I think a great deal more time should be spent on studying the history of Millbury."

While Mrs. Gaucher has taught every grade level in her 27 years in

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

DECEMBER 14 - 17

MILLBURY HIGH

MONDAY: Hot Dog on a Roll, French Fries, Baked Beans, Assorted Fruit
TUESDAY: Cheeseburger on a Roll, French Fries, Corn, Jello/Topping
WEDNESDAY: Ham Syrian, Lettuce & Tomato, French Fries, Fruit
THURSDAY: Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potato, Peas, Pan Roll/Butter, Ice Cream
FRIDAY: Pizza, French Fries, Tossed Salad

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE

MONDAY: Hamburger on a Roll, Potato Puffs, Assorted Fruit
TUESDAY: Juice, Chickenburger on a Roll, Lettuce, French Fries, Jello/Topping
WEDNESDAY: Baconburger on a Roll, Lettuce & Tomato, Potato Puffs, Peaches
THURSDAY: Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potato, Peas, Pan Roll/Butter, Ice Cream
FRIDAY: Stuffed Shells/Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Pudding

SUTTON SCHOOLS

MONDAY: Grinder, Lettuce & Tomato, Macaroni with Cheese, Pears
TUESDAY: Chicken Patty on a Bun, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Cinnamon Crunch, Cookie
WEDNESDAY: Hot Dog on a Bun, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Blueberry Cake
THURSDAY: Turkey a la King, Whipped Potato, Green Beans, Rolls, Jello with Topping
FRIDAY: Pizza (Plain or Pepperoni), French Fries, Carrot Sticks, Peanut Butter Cookie

COA MENUS

DECEMBER 14 - 18

MONDAY: Chicken Patty w/lo-cal Gravy, Au Gratin Potato, Spinach, Oatmeal Bread & Butter, Blueberry Crumb Cake
TUESDAY: Swedish Meatballs, Egg Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, Bran Square & Butter, Chocolate Pudding
WEDNESDAY: Baked Stuffed Pepper, Mashed Potato, Summer Squash, Whole Wheat Bread & Butter, Pineapple Chunks
THURSDAY: Christmas Dinner - Roast Beef Au Jus, Lyonnaise Potato, Glazed Diced Carrots, Dinner Roll & Butter, Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY: Baked Fish Au Gratin, Parsley Boiled Potato, Cole Slaw, Rye Bread & Butter, Chilled Peaches

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

MILLBURY...The Millbury Parks and Recreation Commission will hold its annual "Christmas on the Common" (raindate 12/13) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Santa will be there with surprises donated by the Millbury Police Association.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

SUTTON. The Sutton Public School's Music Department will present its annual "Holiday Concert" at 7:30 p.m. in the Sutton Elementary School Auditorium. Free and open to the public.

MILLBURY. The Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, invites children to join in the Library's first "cookie swap" and holiday film feature at 3:30 p.m. Register by calling the Library.

MILLBURY...District Nursing Society Blood Pressure Clinic at the Linden Apartments, Pearl Street, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

MILLBURY. St. Brigid's Women's Club will hold its December meeting tonight, beginning with a Mass at 7:00 p.m.

MILLBURY...District Nursing Society Blood Pressure Clinic at the Centerview Apartments (residents only) from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

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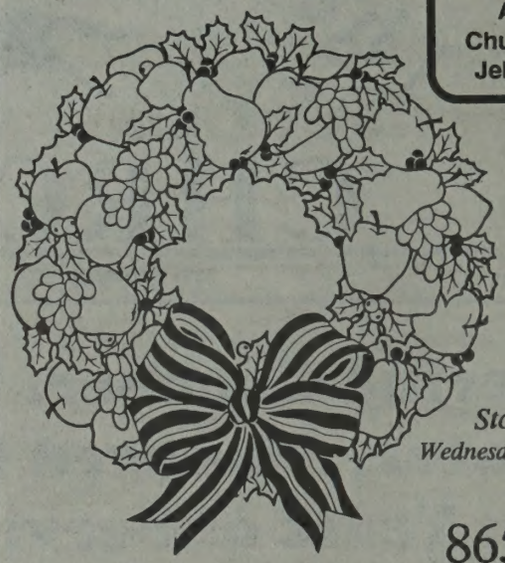

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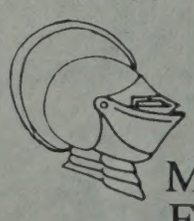

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MILLBURY SELECTMEN'S MEETING DIGEST

Dorothy Pond Restoration and Comprehensive Permit Discussions Dominate Meeting

By Edward J. Cooney

DECEMBER 1, 1987

Chairman Jude Cristo called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. Absent were Board members Roland Lachance and Wynton Adams.

- Cristo recognized Jeff Gardner, chairman of the Dorothy Pond Restoration Committee and Mark Weisberg, representing BSC Design Engineers and Consultants for the Dorothy Pond Restoration Project.

Gardner introduced Weisberg, noting that he was a water resource specialist who was present to review a revised plan which differs from an initial study done several years ago.

In his presentation, Weisberg reviewed preliminary studies, noting that the original proposal was hampered by a lack of adequate storage for the de-watering and drying of dredged materials. According to Weisberg, several acres would be required for drying materials where only one acre is available.

The revised plan also noted the creation of a one acre wetland and a 1/2 acre settling basin close to the Mass. Pike. A 2 1/2 acre wetland with shallow and deep water would also involve planting wetland plants. Diverting water from Broadmeadow Brook would be accomplished by installing PVC pipe to Dorothy Pond during the construction phase of the project.

A gravel dike would be constructed which is designed to be located 1 foot below water level to allow a sheet flow over the dike.

Weisberg noted that a draw-down of three to four feet would take place next August, allowing a two month construction period.

Cristo stated that dredging a 1/2 acre as opposed to 5 acres would show a big difference in the amount of sediment being removed. He questioned whether the revised proposal would prevent more nutrients from getting into the water area.

Gardner replied that the revised plan would actually reduce phosphorous by 20-25% which is better than the original projection.

Weisberg noted that the construction phase would be tricky because of Broadmeadow Brook. Cristo then asked how much time would elapse before re-dredging would be required; Weisberg estimated a period of 10 years.

When asked if the dredging area could be enlarged, Weisberg responded that there would be a problem in accessing dredging equipment which could sink in the silt. He noted that in one area the silt was 12 feet deep.

Weisberg also stated that dredged material would be used to build up the wetland area as it was too deep. He noted that soil would be added to allow for planting of water plants. Cristo inquired as to the maintenance of the plants and

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whether replanting would be necessary. Weisberg replied that once the plants take hold they will reproduce themselves as there would be a mix of annuals and perennials.

Cristo asked if the draw-down would affect private wells in the area. Gardner replied that the pond is low now, almost at the point to be drawn down next August, without any complaints of wells being affected.

Cristo suggested that additional acreage for storage and drying be sought to allow for dredging a larger area than the present proposal.

Weisberg noted that other areas close to the site were surveyed but none were large enough. Donnelly suggested that with a larger drying area some of the dredged material could be trucked to help cap the landfill and thus allow the storage of additional dredged material in the existing area.

Cristo stated that he was concerned with getting as much sediment as possible. Weisberg cautioned that, because of the Broadmeadow Brook flow, work could not be completed in the time allotted.

- At 7:42, Cristo stopped the discussion to begin a Public Hearing concerning the extension of the dining area at the Ahan Thai Restaurant. The Board voted, 3-0, to approve the extension under the existing license.

- At 7:44, discussion of the Dorothy Pond Restoration Project resumed. Gardner noted that extended funding would be required to enlarge the dredging and storage area. He also indicated that it might be feasible to dry materials in one section of property and truck some of the material in conjunction with the landfill closing and capping projects.

In response to a statement by Cristo that the project should be done correctly, Weisberg replied that it would take longer and that there isn't enough time. He stated that he was concerned that the whole project could be "swamped".

When asked whether additional equipment could be used, Weisberg brought out the possibility of added costs. Cristo then stated that the project should be extended over a wider area. Weisberg replied that the whole area of the cove could not be accessed. He noted that the process involved mechanical dredging with a 75 foot drag line. Cristo asked if access could be reached from another area, noting that the Day property might be available.

Cristo closed the discussion and asked that both Weisberg and Gardner report back to the Board when additional information is received.

- Administrator Earl Chase began his weekly report to the board at 7:53. Chase reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals had attended a workshop on Comprehensive Permits. He stated that four members of the ZBA had incurred expenses totalling $122.80. Cristo stated that the Board should support the payment of expenses and suggested that monies be built into the ZBA budget for the next fiscal year.

The Board approved the payment of expenses on a 3-0 vote.

- Chase informed the board that he had attended the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Breakfast. He stated that the guest speaker, Allen McKinnon, chairman of the Mass Turnpike Authority, had offered no new information on the proposed Mass. Pike interchange.

Chase also reported that the Telephone Task Force Committee met after the breakfast. He announced that the Telephone Company will be sending letters to all subscribers concerning the need for prompt reporting of phone problems to repair service.

- Cristo brought to the attention of board members a voucher for holiday pay for Chief Brady, noting that, in the past, the Chief has been paid for holidays.

- Turning to minutes of past meetings, the Board approved, 3-0, minutes of November 17th as corrected.

Cristo noted that board members go over minutes of previous meetings, for correction, with the secretary on a one-on-one basis, stating that doing so in public takes up time.

- ZBA Chairman Valentino then informed the board that a hearing will be held on December 16th, at 7:30 p.m., concerning the application of Bengston Estates Limited for a Comprehensive Permit to build 50 single family detached homes off Beach Street. He invited board members to attend, noting that the ZBA had met with the Planning Board to seek their help. Valentino also stated that the Town Planner would be leaving, and that if the project is granted a permit someone would have to go to the project to see that it is done correctly. "If we don't have a town planner, we will need someone to check on it," he said.

Cristo suggested that technical assistance be sought from the Central Mass. Regional Planning

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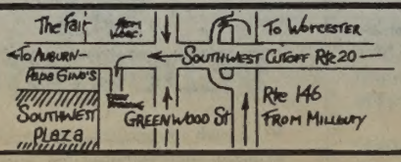

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Commission. Chase then explained that the Commission offers technical assistance but does not do field work.

Valentino stated that while the ZBA has the authority to issue a permit, it would be up to the building inspector to enforce it. Valentino continued by stating that his board will need legal counsel as there is a lot of legal "mumbo-jumbo" involved. He noted that it will be a precedent setting situation and that the ZBA must call for a hearing within 30 days after receiving the petition.

Cristo suggested that Valentino notify the selectmen if the ZBA needs any assistance, noting that "this is an important issue. We want to follow this very closely."

- Under "Old Business", Chase reported that a complaint was received from a Worcester resident concerning smoke coming from the Resource Recovery plant. Chase stated that he reported the complaint to Dan Radebaugh, Manager of Wheelabrator, who indicated he did not find a problem.

Cristo suggested that a file of complaints be kept and that Chase inform Worcester callers issuing complaints to notify Worcester officials.

- Chase also reported that he had received an inquiry from the Lancaster Board of Health, asking to meet with the selectmen concerning procedures at the resource recovery facility. Cristo stated that the Board could give them some time at the next meeting.

- Chase stated that there was some concern expressed about the heat being turned up at the Asa Waters Mansion. Cristo suggested that a lock box might be appropriate or that a timing device could be installed.

- A layout of Herricks Lane and minor problems relating to land taking will be forwarded to the board by the Worcester County Engineers.

- Cristo noted that no further action had been taken on the formation of a housing partnership program but that it seemed to be the route to go. He suggested the possibility of voting on the establishment of a housing partnership next week.

- The Board appointed two new crossing guards as recommended by the Safety Officer, Sergeant Perry.

- The Board also approved a change of manager at the VFW to Robert Weidman. Chase stated that a public hearing was not required.

- Dr. Alfred Sylvia was appointed Chairman, at the local level, of the United Nations Association.

- A request for appointment of representatives to the Emergency Medical System Corp. was held up for more information.

- Following completion of the agenda, Clerk Gauthier opened and read several pieces of correspondence.

A letter was received from the union steward for Local 495 clerks, indicating the union's position that the secretarial position at the Council on Aging requiring attendance at night meetings was on a "recall" basis, and thus requires additional pay for those hours worked.

Cristo said that the Board had already reviewed the matter and considered the night meeting hours as part of the job description and not a "recall" situation.

- In another letter, Gauthier noted that the Millbury Baptist Church expressed concern that the building abutting the church had been destroyed and that nothing had been done to take the building down.

Chase reported that two buildings had been condemned in the downtown area and that the building in question was being sold; the new owners names were not available.

- Gauthier informed the Board that a copy of the filing by Bengston Estates Ltd., was received.

Cristo, noting all business completed, called for adjournment at 8:48 p.m.

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Included in this bonding package is $80,153 in Chapter 90 highway funds for the Town of Millbury. These funds are used for major improvements to local roadways. This amount represents a $20,697 increase over last year's allotment.

According to Kollios, "These funds are so important to meeting the infrastructure needs of my district."

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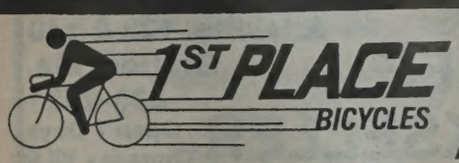

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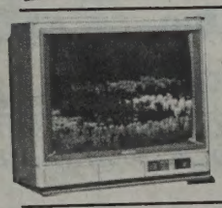

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On The Shelf

By Rosemary Waltos

If you're stuck for a holiday gift giving idea, here are a few suggestions from the Millbury Public Library for every person on your list. Most of the books included on this list can be found at your favorite local bookstore.

GIFT IDEAS FOR ADULTS

THE TOMMYKNOCKERS by Stephen King ($19.95) - This is Stephen King's latest novel and is considered to be his most terrifying, to date. You won't forget to look behind you after you finish reading it.

TIME FLIES by Bill Cosby ($15.95) - If you remember Bill Cosby on the Jack Paar Show, you will be surprised to realize that Cosby will be fifty years old this year. In his latest book, *Time Flies*, Cosby considers his age and comes up with his own set of conclusions. After reading this book, you'll be sure to agree that Cosby may be getting older, but, like the greats in the business, he's also getting funnier.

THRIVING ON CHAOS by Tom Peters ($19.95) - Tom Peters is co-author of *In Search of Excellence*. In this book, written for managers, he outlines a plan of action that accommodates the constantly shifting circumstances in the business world. Important reading for today's manager.

LEAVING HOME by Garrison Keillor ($18.85) - For those that miss "A Prairie Home Companion" and the news from Lake Wobegon, here's Garrison Keillor's farewell tribute to the place where "the women are strong, the men are brave and the children are all smart."

WEBSTER'S NINTH COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY ($14.95) - If you're looking for something practical for the high school or college student on your list, this dictionary will make a great gift. It is one of the most up-to-date dictionaries you'll find.

KALEIDOSCOPE by Danielle Steele ($18.95) - This is Steele's latest best seller. A story of three sisters separated by fate and the man who vows to help them find each other.

THE FRUGAL GOURMET COOKS AMERICAN by Jeff Smith ($17.95) - The host of the PBS television show "Frugal Gourmet" and the bestselling cookbook author does it again just in time for Christmas. His latest offering is a cookbook that celebrates the wide range of ethnic cooking in America.

CHRISTMAS REVISITED by Robert Brenner ($19.95) - This is for Christmas enthusiasts and collectors of Christmas paraphernalia, such as Italian glass ornaments, Santa figures, snow babies and Christmas advertising. Hundreds of color illustrations and descriptions, along with the history of how Christmas has been celebrated throughout the Western world, recreate the world of Christmas past.

GIFT BOOK IDEAS IN PAPERBACK FOR TEENS

SLAVE DANCER by Paula Fox ($2.50) - This work of historical fiction provides a compelling view of slavery as seen through the eyes of a young white boy. Ages 12 and up.

HOOPS by Walter Dean Myers ($2.95) - This award winning book centers on a boy's aspirations to make it to the NBA and out of the ghetto. A great idea until he finds himself hooked into the savage underworld of big time sports. Ages 12 and up.

OTHER SIDE OF DARK by Joan Lowery Nixon ($2.75) - A new winner of the Edgar Allen Poe Mystery Writers Award. What happens when Stacy wakes up in a hospital and finds out that she's been in a coma for four years? Suspense, terror, and a touch of romance make this a popular mystery for the teenage set. Ages 12 and up.

UP IN SETH'S ROOM by Norma Fox Mazer ($2.75) - A story about a young girl caught between her parents' disapproval of her relationship with Seth and Seth's insistent demands for something more than kisses from her. A searing story of the agonies of being a teenager. Ages 12 and up.

THURSDAY'S CHILDREN by Rumer Godden ($2.95) - This is a perceptive story about Doone Penny, the baby in a family of six children, and her struggle and determination to become a ballerina despite her family's lack of support. Ages 10-14.

DOES THIS SCHOOL HAVE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT? by Nat Hentoff ($2.75) - Jazz enthusiasts will recognize Nat Hentoff from his writings on the jazz scene. Here, he exercises his storytelling skills with the story of young Sam Davidson and the much needed help he receives from an aging jazz musician. This is a sequel to *This School is Driving Me Crazy*. Ages 12-16.

GIFT BOOK IDEAS IN HARDCOVER FOR CHILDREN

LITTLE TREE by e.e. Cummings ($9.95) - The story of a scraggly little Christmas tree bought and lovingly decorated by two city children. Beautifully illustrated in glowing colors. Ages 5-9.

CHILDREN OF CHRISTMAS by Cynthia Rylant Watts ($11.95) - Poignant stories of people whose holidays are often lonely or full of need. A counterpoint to the hectic and commercial holidays that most of us enjoy. Ages 9 and up.

RAINBOW CANDLES: A CHANUKAH COUNTRY BOOK ($6.95) - Rhyming phrases revolve around the holiday motifs, such as dreidel, lamp and pancakes. This book comes in a board book format. Preschool ages.

POWER OF LIGHT: EIGHT STORIES OF HANUKKAH by Isaac Bashivis Singer ($7.95) - Here are eight stories told by a master storyteller. These stories all tell of the lives of Eastern European Jews and their celebration of Hanukkah. Ages 10 and up.

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GRANDADDY'S PLACE by Helen Griffith ($11.95) - This award winning author of *Georgia Music* takes us back to Georgia with a story of a young girl's reluctant but ultimately joyful visit with her grandaddy.

GIFT IDEAS IN PAPERBACK FOR CHILDREN

CASE OF THE SAVAGE STATUE by M.V. Carey ($2.95) and ***SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVE*** by Charles Vess ($2.50) - These two mysteries are written in the participation format similar to the "Choose Your Own Adventure" books. You'll find that this type of participation format book is very popular with children ages 7-12.

ANASTASIA KRUPNIK by Lois Lowery ($2.50) - This is the first book in a series of books about an unforgettable heroine that children are sure to enjoy. Ages 7-12.

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS SHEILA THE GREAT ($3.95) and ***ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME, MARGARET*** ($3.95) - Both of these books are by the popular and prolific author, Judy Blume. Blume writes stories that today's children can all relate to. Ages 7-12.

COMING UP AT THE LIBRARY

DECEMBER 16 at 3:30 p.m.: KID'S COOKIE SWAP - Children are invited to join in the Library's first "cookie swap". All you have to do is bring one dozen homemade cookies or other goodies, and be prepared to take some home to share with your family. You'll also have a chance to sample some of these delicious seasonal treats and view a special film presentation. Registration starts on December 10th. Register at the Library or by calling 865-1181.

DECEMBER 18 at 6:30 p.m.: AN EVENING OF MERRIMENT AND SONG. Join the Friends of the Millbury Public Library, Library Trustees and staff when they take to the streets of Millbury for an evening of song. Hot cider and home baked goodies will be served. Registration starts on December 10th. To register, call 865-1181 or stop by the Library. Families welcome!

DECEMBER 19 at 3:30 p.m.: AILI PAAL SINGER HOLIDAY PROGRAM. Registration starts on December 15 for this special holiday program. The Aili Paal Singers will tell stories in celebration of holiday traditions throughout the world. Register by calling 865-1181 or in person. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Millbury Public Library.

Worcester Community Chorale Sets Concert Date

Local Residents Among Members

Singers too shy to audition will present their 7th annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hadwen Park Congregational Church, 6 Clover Street, Worcester.

The Worcester Community Chorale, which requires no audition for membership, performs a cappella (without accompanying musical instruments) sacred and secular music. Most of the members have had little or no musical training prior to joining the group.

Millbury residents, Alicia Liss and Sherry Conger, as well as Sutton residents, Marjorie Johnson, Shirley Nelson and Margaret Ritchie, belong to the chorale.

A recent survey indicated that almost 90% of the group's members would not have joined if an audition had been required. The only requirements for membership are a love for singing and regular attendance at rehearsals for seasonal concerts.

"The joy of making music shouldn't be limited to those with professional aspirations," said Richard Aramony, founder and director of the group. "Pitch, tempo, notation, these things are learnable. And learning them through song is fun."

Each concert is recorded by radio station WCUW in Worcester; selected pieces are broadcast at a later date.

The group also performs at area churches. The Chorale will perform at the First Baptist Church of West Sutton, Central Turnpike, on Thursday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Selections for this holiday's concerts include Christmas spirituals, Appalachian and Ukrainian carols, a Hanukkah madrigal, and a hymn with Puritan lyrics written in 1641.

In addition to directing the Worcester Community Chorale, Aramony is also director of the chorus and chorale at Worcester State College. He has been an instructor in the Young Vocalists Program of the Boston University Tanglewood Institute; instructor of vocal and piano courses in the Worcester Adult Education Program; and choir director at St. George Cathedral in Worcester.

Anyone interested in joining the group is asked to call Aramony at 752-3032, evenings only.

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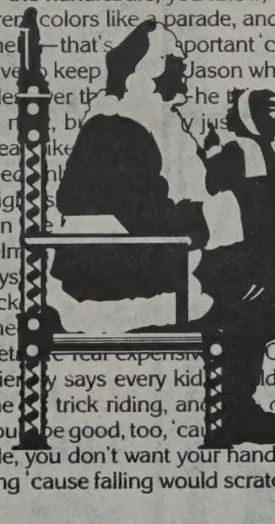

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Sutton Police Chief and Local "Notables" Placed Under "House Arrest"

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Criminals can be reported by anyone and can be charged with a multitude of crimes, from the not so serious two-hour lunch violation to the extremely serious disorderly conduct in the form of snoring at town meetings.

Some of the criminals prepared to step before the judge on Thursday, December 10th are: Brad Beaton, President of New England Newspaper Supply Co., George Chabot, President of Chabot Motors; Dudley Bowker, President and CEO of Millbury Savings Bank; and the following notorious Millbury Town Hall employees: Dave Matson, Earl Chase, Tom Dunford, and Norm Gonyea. For Friday, December 11th, sentencing will be served upon Robert Conley, Chief of Police in Sutton; Butch Myers, of La-Myers Inc.; Alan Tuttle, of Rocheleau Insurance; and Representative Paul Kollios. On trial on Saturday, December 12th, are Attorney Peter Keenan; Bob Picking, President of Ballard Motors; and Eugene Lavallee.

If you know of any criminals that have not been reported yet, please call Ginny Picking, Chairman of the Jail N' Bail event and keeper of the jail at the Pleasant Valley Beauty Boutique, 865-3571, or the March of Dimes office at 799-9245. Make plans to visit and bail out your favorite jailbird on December 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Karen Reilly of Sutton was the lucky winner of a sleigh filled with $500 worth of Hallmark products from Sutton Square Pharmacy. The prize was awarded in conjunction with the Pharmacy's "Home for the Holidays" Open House held on November 21 and 22.

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Let's All Go Caroling!!!

MILLBURY. The Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, invites everyone to an evening of song and merriment on Friday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. At this time, the Friends of the Library, Library trustees and staff will go Christmas caroling as they stroll the streets of Millbury. To top the evening off, hot cider and home baked goodies will be served at the Library.

Registration begins on December 10th. Stop by the library or call 865-1181 to register.

Bring you family, and don't forget to dress warmly!

Library to Host "Cookie Swap"

MILLBURY. The Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, invites children to join in the Library's first "cookie swap" and holiday film feature on Wednesday, December 16 at 3:30 p.m.

All you have to do to join in the fun is to bring one dozen homemade cookies or other goodies and be prepared to take some home to share with your family. You'll have a chance to sample some of these delicious seasonal treats and watch a specially picked holiday film.

Registration starts on December 10. Register at the Library or by calling 865-1181.

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IT WAS A MONDAY - I was working the day shift. My partner, Friday, was taking over for me during my scheduled coffee break when it all started - the pain that is, in my shoulder, my arm began to numb. My name is Joe. I was hurtin'....t'aint funny! McGee!

BOSS ON DUTY recognized symptoms. Possible Angina. Dial 911! The journey that lasted nine days began....Ambulance arrives. Frantic movements/action by the accompanying medics....Oxygen given, call being made to local hospital to stand by....I'm cool!...Hail! Mary full of grace! 'Is this it?' I'm saying to myself. Pain was subsiding a little....I'm cool. Arrived at hospital. Medics looking for a stall to move me into. Seems no room in the inn! Finally they find a corner for me. Whew! I'm still cool, no problem, but a lot of anxiety! "On a scale of 1 to 10, how do you feel joe?" I'm asked. 'Hanging in there,' I replied. On the other side of the room I see them working on a gentleman. They're giving him CPR...kinda scary! I guess he made it alright! Anxiety wearing off, calming down, pressure normal. Time to move on to next plateau.

TRANSFERRED TO I.C.U. Good Grief! Intensive Care! Crowded place, frantic movement all about. They found another spot for me. On one side is an 80-year-old gent who's desperately trying to get out of bed, in his birthday suit. Charlie, you stay put, I'm in no position to catch you when you fall! On the other side of me was another gent, snoring away and full of gas! Believe me, it wasn't laughing gas!...I want out! Fast! After a couple of days my wish was granted. The next step....

TRANSFER TO ROOM 532...a two bedder, phone, a little privacy. Whew! Had a nice view of Providence Street traffic. Now a little semblance of peace, relaxation, or so I thought!

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NOW THE WHY DO THEY department. Why do they, in the wee hours of the morning, wake you from a sound sleep and give you a pill to make you sleep more soundly? Could be I was snoring too loud and others couldn't sleep! **YOU KNOW** what's scary? To awaken and lo and behold see a group of doctors gathered around your bed. Where do all these doctors come from?....One funny incident, after four or five doctors/interns left my presence an elderly woman approached the bed and asked me how I was feeling. I said 'O.K. I guess.' I asked her if she was on the staff. She said, "not really". She was the cleaning woman, just wanting to find out how I was feeling. I should have known when I saw the mop in her hand! Good grief! **PILLS! PILLS!** Why do you have to take a pill to counter the ill-effects of the one given you previously? Maybe Confucius has the answer. I don't....**YOU KNOW** what's embarrassing? Trying the balancing act on the cold potatie when there are visitors in the room. What to do! Do it, that's all. Next on the agenda....

HEART CATHETERIZATION...Wow! What an experience. You're wheeled into a cold, dark room. You're covered with what feels like heavy canvas and then the needle and wire is sent up thru your main artery to your heart. I'm cool! You look over to your left and see this fishing line reaching toward your heart, heart pumping way, line getting closer but certainly not touching. The doctor was giving me instructions on when to take a deep breath, hold it, release it, etc. He had a high-pitched voice, really couldn't understand his instructions, so I did it all at once. I even threw in a sneeze! Ouch! That hurt!...But the clincher was when, at the right time, dye was injected through my whole system and it felt as if someone had flushed my veins/arteries with boiling hot water. What a feeling! What a sensation! Was I glad to get out of there. The next step....

EVACUATION TIME....Wednesday before Thanksgiving. I was ready at 6:00 a.m. My bags were packed and I was in the hall at 7:00 a.m. waiting for transportation. You just don't walk out! You are wheeled out. A wheelchair was called for. I was in the hallway waiting. I felt as though I was waiting for a taxi. Dressed up, suitcase in hand. I hailed every wheelchair that went by. Finally my taxi arrived. Jumped in. Down elevator. Jumped out. See ya later alligator! What an experience.

FRIENDS! We made light of what could have been a serious situation. We really appreciate the dedicated nurses/doctors at the hospital. We thank all concerned. We are in their debt. We thank God for giving us a sense of humor during this episode in our life. It could have been much worse than it was. A lesson we have learned from this experience is to watch your diet, be cool at all times, trust in God, always keep your anxiety level

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ARRIVED HOME around 8:00 a.m. Wednesday. Greeted by family. And guess who was at the door, frantically waiting for me to enter? My little Dachshund, PeeWee! Guess what PeeWee did next as I hugged the little guy? PeeWee weeweed all over me. Welcome home, Joe!

FRIENDS, I would like to take this opportunity now to wish you all that is good in this holiday season! I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy, Productive, Healthy and Spiritually Rewarding New Year! And, until we meet again,

I bid you peace and God's Blessings on you and yours.

Your Old Pal, Joe Morin

Millbury Public Library Receives Grant Approval

BOSTON. Representative Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) recently announced that the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has given approval to the Millbury Public Library's FY '88 grant application entitled, Nonprint Collection Development in the amount of $8,282.00.

This grant money will be used to improve Millbury Public Library's collection of viewing and listening materials for adults, young adults, and children.

"Thanks to the efforts of Library Director Rosemary Waltos, these funds will help enhance and expand programs at the Library," noted Kollios.

Having a Problem With Your Phone Service? Call New England Telephone!

New England Telephone (NET) customers in the Blackstone Valley will soon receive a letter from New England Telephone stressing the importance of reporting service problems in a timely manner.

According to Richard Colon, NET public relations manager, the company has been working closely with the Telephone Task Force set up by the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm really pleased with the progress that's been made," Colon said. "Our technical departments have done an excellent job of finding and resolving problems for our Blackstone Valley customers."

Colon did note that there are still some customers experiencing problems who have not reported them and he urged customers to call repair service at the time they experience a problem. Repair service is staffed seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The number for residence customers is 1-555-1611 and for business customers, 1-555-1515.

Dr. Steven Rice of Millbury, co-chairman of the Telephone Task Force, said, "We are very pleased to see the efforts new England Telephone has put forth in addressing our concerns."

"The focal point of this letter is to bring greater recognition to the importance of calling New England Telephone when trouble is experienced. Ultimately, this will result in better service for everyone," he said.

According to Colon, the letter is scheduled for mailing in early December, and will go to all residence and business customers in the Blackstone Valley.

What's the Difference?

By Pat O'Leary & Larry Ham

HOW TO PLAY: The answers to the two clues rhyme and the beginning consonant sounds are switched. For example: What's the difference between a neckwear fastener and a metal pan for baked desserts? One is a TIE PIN and the other is a PIE TIN. Sound counts, not spelling.

1. Bundles of herbal brews and stories of honey-makers?
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   ☐☐☐☐☐ of ☐☐☐☐
2. Titillations in a tavern and gherkins in a bathing basin?
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3. A milksop and a Lassie-dog replica?
   A ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ and a
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4. Slender "hands" and short playlets?
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ANSWERS: 1. Bales of tales and tales of bees. 2. Tickles in a pub and pickles in a tub. 3. A mollycoddle and a collie model. 4. Skinny mitts and mini-skits.

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Sutton Schools to Present Holiday Concert

SUTTON. The Sutton Public School's Music Department will present its annual "Holiday Concert" on Wednesday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. The program will consist of performances by the combined band and choruses of the Sutton Schools.

The concert will be held in the Sutton Elementary School Auditorium and is free and open to the public.

Sutton Students to Visit Lowell National Historical Park

SUTTON. On Saturday, December 5th, members of the social studies classes at Sutton Memorial High School will visit Lowell National Historical Park. The park preserves and interprets Lowell's role in the American Industrial Revolution. The park includes over five miles of canals, mill complexes, gatehouses and mill worker housing.

The tour also includes a 20 minute slide show on Nineteenth Century American Industry. The students will be accompanied by Mr. William Brosnihan and Mr. David Muradian.

Library Presents Special Holiday Program for Children

MILLBURY. On Saturday, December 19 at 3:30 p.m., the Friends of the Millbury Public Library will present the Aili Paol Singers in a special holiday program, especially for children, at the Library on 128 Elm Street.

Central Massachusetts storyteller, Aili Paol Singer, will delight and enchant children with stories in celebration of the gift giving season. Stories will revolve around other cultures and other lands.

Registration for this program starts on December 15th. Register at the Library or call 865-1181.

Women's Candlepin Bowling League Results

Becky Rushton and Pat Gaspar rolled 300+ this week. Becky rolled a 313 with strings of 103-102-108 and Pat rolled a 311 with strings of 103-115-93. Ann Coons rolled the third high with strings of 104-92-92 for a 288.

TEAM STANDINGS	WON	LOST
Hummingbirds	56	32
Nightingales	51	37
Cardinals	48	40
Dodo Birds	38	50
Cuckoos	37	51
Woodpeckers	34	54

TOP TEN BOWLERS

Pat Gaspar	101.5
Becky Rushton	98.1
Hope Stockhaus	97.4
Ann Coons	94.5
Joan DeSantis	92.1
Kathy Marble	91.5
Ann Kach	91.4
Gail Higginbottom	90.8
Mary Jo Boire	90.2
Ellen Bouvier	89.0

HIGH AVERAGE

Pat Gaspar	101.5
Becky Rushton	98.1
Hope Stockhaus	97.4

HIGH TRIPLE

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Ann Coons	320
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SPORTS

Millbury High Football

By Bill Lucey

Millbury High recently completed its 1987 football season with the annual Thanksgiving Day game against Northbridge. Although the Woolies lost the game, they proved to the fans, the coaching staff, and to their opponents that they were an aggressive team. Millbury played the entire game with pride and high emotion, giving 110%. It is this character that has made second year Head Coach Don Fouracre proud of his squad.

"These kids never gave up all season," Fouracre said. "We were winners in the sense that the kids developed great attitudes and played hard the whole season."

Competing in the tough Southern Worcester County league, arguably the best in Division III Central Mass. Football, the Woolies were winless. However, every game they played tough. Playing against the best teams in the division helped Millbury improve both mentally and physically. This was evident as the Woolies defeated two non-league opponents, posting victories against Bay Path (14-6), and Hudson Catholic (27-12). Millbury finished with a 2-7-1 record, tying league rival Oxford, 6-6.

Coach Fouracre feels that this record would have been better if not for some key injuries. "We lost both starting tailbacks to injury as well as other key positions. If we had stayed healthy I feel we would have done better than we did."

This year's Thanksgiving Day team was led by Senior Co-Captains, Matt Corridori and Roger Gordon, both two-way starters. Although not designated co-captains for the regular season, through their hard play and leadership Corridori and Gordon were voted captains by the team for the Thanksgiving Day game. During the season, new captains were selected each week.

Besides Corridori and Gordon, the other two-way starters were Seniors John Gordon, John Flamand, Jeff Roberts, Greg Jacobson and Tim Cluett. Other Senior starters were Bill Martin, Steve Frederico, Shawn Hanratty, Paul Prus, and Keith Pierce. These twelve seniors composed the nucleus of this year's club. Their experience together proved very helpful through the course of the season. There were underclassmen like Junior, Mark Gosselin and Sophomore Mike Faron, who started and helped on special teams.

"It was a total team effort this year," Fouracre said. "Everyone did their job."

Fouracre's coaching staff, consisting of Varsity Assistant Coaches Frank McNamara and Corby Roche, and Freshmen Coaches, Norm Gonyea and Mark Sutphen, was very happy with the 1987 season. Even though the record was not as good as they would have liked it to be, they were proud of the team's efforts and the good attitude they maintained the whole year.

The outlook for Millbury football, according to Fouracre, is very positive. Although a major part of this year's team will be lost to graduation, there is a good group of players returning.

"Next year," Fouracre said, "will be a rebuilding year for us. But we have players like Gosselin and Faron coming back. We have a good group of kids returning."

Another important factor when considering a high school sports program is the support it receives from the school. Fouracre has noticed a change for the better at Millbury.

"The School's attitude toward football has improved greatly which is a step in the right direction for us. Their support is very helpful."

Hopefully, the Millbury football program will continue to receive support from the school as well as the local community. It takes time and effort to rebuild a sports program and Don Fouracre and his coaching staff seem to be headed in the right direction at Millbury High School.

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education, the fourth grade has always remained her favorite, and it was a fourth grade experience that she recalled as being the most challenging of her career. "It was my first fourth grade class in this building, and it was made up of a combination of West Millbury children and East Millbury children. They were all very bright and challenging students. It was a delightful class to have, and they kept me on my toes. Things that they knew about the town from the East and the West and the intermixture of the two into the town brought us together."

Mrs. Gaucher's many years in the system have also afforded her the opportunity to observe the effects of the high-tech age on education. "The computer and audio visual aids bring things to the children that we never had before. They enable teachers to reach the children in a variety of ways. I see them as a plus in education. When I was teaching in the one or two-room classroom, we would go out for nature walks, and we still can, but now we can bring nature into the classroom. Drill is still good, but it isn't all drill, drill, drill." While she does not see modern technology as being the only answer, "It's a way to find the answer," she said.

It is perhaps the search for answers that attracted Mrs. Gaucher to teaching, a profession in jeopardy. "I think the teaching profession is in a bind," she said. "I look at the teachers here, and they've all worked with me since we opened this school. They're 15 and 20 year teachers, and they're outstanding, but we don't have any new people coming in. These people, in the next 10 or 15 years are going to be retiring. We've got to have some people coming out of college who are going to take their place. We've got to do something about getting people interested in teaching and make it worth their while because they'll go out to businesses and earn more money. They've got to get the teacher's salaries up."

While Mrs. Gaucher said she would definitely recommend teaching as a profession, she also added a footnote. "If you expect to get rich, don't commit to it. You'll get tired of the kids sometimes, but it's rewarding in every single way to see somebody learn who hasn't done well before and all of a sudden the light comes on. So, if you're looking for small rewards, and not monetary rewards, the personal rewards are great."

CHRONICLE PHOTO BY STEVE GAGNE

Mrs. Gaucher's was honored at a Testimonial Dinner held at the Pleasant Valley Country Club on December 3rd.

The most difficult adjustment Mrs. Gaucher had to make in going from teaching to administration was "finding the time to do everything." Part of her time was spent dealing with the faculty. "I've always had close contact, even as a teacher, with the other teachers. Coming into administration, I enjoyed it. Perhaps it had reached a point in teaching that I had run dry, and this gave me a new challenge to work on. It opened up a broader field to me in working with the teachers and helping them solve some of their problems."

"Problem" is not a word Mrs. Gaucher uses very often. What most people view as obstacles, Mrs. Gaucher refers to as "challenges". "Each day is different," she said. "You have a different challenge every day and you look forward to it. There are all kinds of emergencies that occur, but they only make every day different."

Mrs. Gaucher was honored by 125 faculty, administration, family and friends on December 3rd at a surprise testimonial dinner at Pleasant Valley Country Club. She called it "a very great honor. We had a lot of good stories to tell about old times."

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Mrs. Gaucher was also honored throughout her final day at Elmwood on December 4th. As she went from classroom to classroom, the children presented her with a variety of gifts ranging from cookies, to artwork, to an album containing letters and pictures from each of the third grade children. In each of the classrooms she visited, she took the time to talk with the children and tell them that she would miss them but would return occasionally to see how they were doing.

While Mrs. Gaucher has many hobbies to look forward to, including golf, she will understandably miss spending her days at Elmwood. In a voice tempered with sadness for the first time, she said, "I know I'll miss this job, the people and all the children."

But Mrs. Gaucher is quite obviously not a woman to dwell on the past. "I will have to look forward to something different," she said. And grinning, not unlike the "Cheshire Cat", she added, "Maybe I'll come back as a volunteer."

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The program is being offered at the Grafton Senior Center on January 20th and 27th.

For further information, or to register, drop by the Grafton Senior Center, or call 839-9242 and ask for Peter on Wednesday, December 16th.

Windle Field Advisory Committee Members Needed

MILLBURY. The Millbury School Committee is inviting interested residents to work with them to improve programs and facilities at Windle Field. The Committee will soon be involved in budget deliberations and would appreciate the participation of any residents who would like to make a contribution to improve Windle Field grounds and facilities. Interested residents should contact the Superintendent of Schools at 865-9501 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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MILLBURY. One of the most treasured gifts a youngster can receive is a book. When searching for Christmas ideas for young people, don't overlook the purchase of a book or set of books which will suit the interest and reading level of the youngster or youngsters chosen for this thoughtful gift. The encouragement of each student to build his or her personal library should be fostered and nurtured. Books open the doors to knowledge and experiences that help students to grow and understand the complications of life.

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In addition to or in place of giving a book, don't overlook the purchase of magazine subscriptions. In many cases, a magazine devoted to a student's personal interest or hobby can be a most welcome gift.

SUTTON SENIOR NEWS

There will be no exercise classes until after the 1st of January. They will resume on January 4th at 11:00 a.m. The Craft Classes will still be held during December, from 1-3 p.m.

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Aroun' The Town & Golden Agers Update

By Lillian C. Sheehan

ST. BRIGID'S WOMEN'S CLUB: The December meeting will be held on Thursday, the 17th, and will open with a Mass at 7:00 p.m. Gifts may be brought and marked "Man", "Woman" or "Child". The business meeting will follow in the church hall. Mrs. Joseph Colarusso and Mrs. John Zemaitis are co-chairwomen and they will be assisted by Mrs. William Blake, Mrs. Louis Buffone, Mrs. James Carney, Mrs. Stanley Karsok, Mrs. Peter Keenan, Mrs. Joseph Lakama, Mrs. Paul Larosee, Mrs. Todd Miles, Mrs. William Murphy, Mrs. Roland Shepard, Mrs. Joseph Sullivan, Mrs. Joseph Tauper, Mrs. James Tufts, and Mrs. Leon Woodward.

The program for the evening will be put on by the Greendale Retired Men's Club Chorus.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no meeting in January for St. Brigid's Women's Club or the Millbury Woman's Club.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES are going to Emma Crepeau, Gertrude Collette, Lucille Dunn, and Aurelie Burbank at Colonial Apartments! Also to Gertrude Brown, Rita Baker, Anna Howe at Centerview Apartments, and to Helen O'Brien, of Grove Street!

At Linden Apartments, Mrs. Matilda Budreau, who recently observed her 84th birthday, turned the tables by celebrating her grandson's birthday. Scott Gervais, son of Claire Gervais of Spencer, was honored on his 16th birthday with a combination Birthday and Family Reunion party by his grandmother Tillie, who was hostess to 45 members of the family. Needless to say, a grand time was had by all!

THE POINSETTIA: Many of us will be receiving Poinsettia plants this month. The Poinsettia has become the flower symbol of Christmas in America. This scarlet-leaved, star-shaped tropical flower was discovered in Mexico in 1828 by Dr. Joel Poinsett, our first minister to that country. In Mexico it was a small, wild, unimposing native weed called Flor de la Noche Buena (Flower of the Holy Night).

Legend tells of a Mexican girl, heartbroken because she had nothing to offer the Virgin Mary on Christmas Eve. In desperation, she pulled some scrawny weeds and placed them at the feet of the statue where they were transformed into scarlet brilliance.

Intensive development of this plant by California growers has produced the flamboyant poinsettia we know today. Within the past few decades, it has become American's most popular floral offering at Christmas time.

Next week, I shall endeavor to give you some hints on the care of this lovely plant. If you have visited the new Greendale Mall, you perhaps have seen a Christmas Tree made of Poinsettia plants - it's truly beautiful!

And, speaking of beauty, our "Common Committee" is to be complimented once again for their decorations on the Millbury common.

ADAGE vs. ADAGE

Look before you leap - **But** - *He who hesitates is lost.*

Many hands make light work - **But** - *Too many cooks spoil the broth.*

Discretion is the better part of valor - **But** - *Faint heart never won fair lady.*

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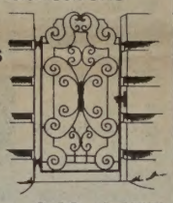

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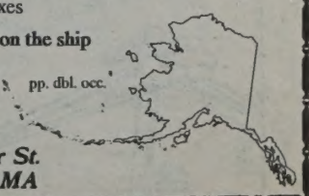

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Crossword Puzzle

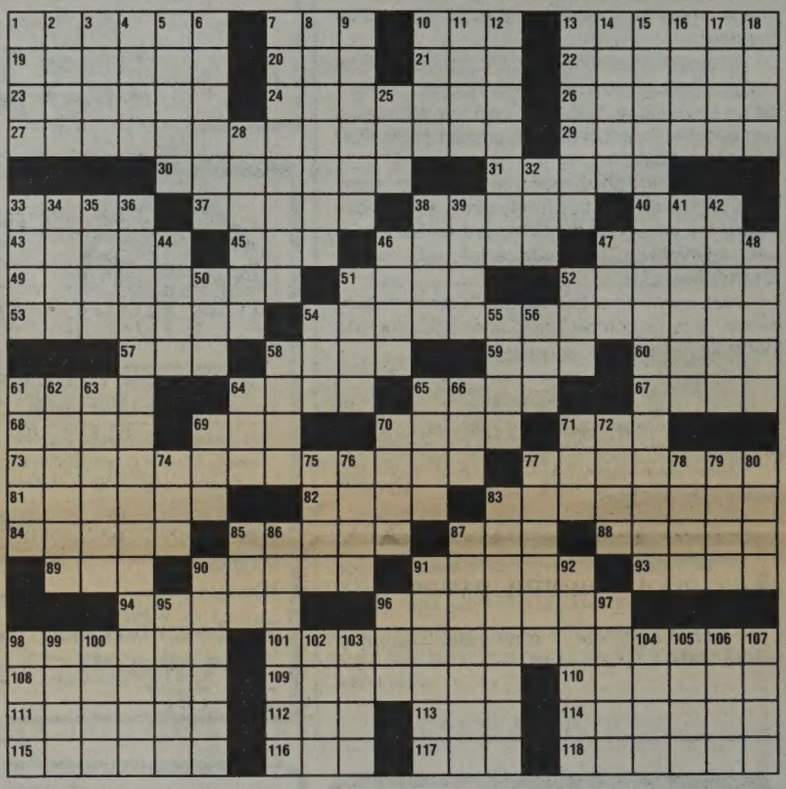
By C. J. A. Page

ACROSS

1 Region of the Black Forest
7 Mideast org.
10 Meas. at sea
13 For the time being
19 Spartan serfs
20 One of Reiners
21 Preserve
22 Met. maestro James
23 Dotes on
24 Where the Shannon flows
26 Occurrences
27 Musical nostalgia
29 Coercion
30 Tiered
31 Sire
33 Andalusian affection
37 Valuable mount
38 Dull finish
40 "For — a jolly good fellow"
43 Pago Pago's location
45 Wm. Donovan's org.
46 Versailles dance
47 Tooth: Prefix
49 Pantaloons
51 City on the Truckee
52 Shores, Spanish style
53 Great distresses
54 "Coming —"
57 First name at the UN, formerly
58 Surfeit
59 Brown of renown
60 Eternity
61 Narrow opening
64 Medics
65 Reuner, for short
67 Camp shelter
68 Imprecation
69 New Zealand parrot
70 Questioning word
71 Antique auto
73 Dylan Thomas title
77 Prom posy
81 Ruth's mother-in-law et al.
82 Spooky
83 Whistle-wetters
84 Crocetti and di Laurentis
85 Greet the day
87 Goddess, to Cato
88 Aleppo's land
89 Erwin of film
90 Put forth effort
91 Squander
93 Variations of 60 Across
94 Church parts
96 Marino and Montana
98 Rook
101 Oz locale
108 Aquila star
109 More aloof
110 Moe or Curly
111 "— Necessarily So"
112 Egyptian sun god
113 Court call
114 Farrell of opera
115 French nuns
116 Mme. counterpart
117 USNA grad
118 Trapped

DOWN

1 Food fish
2 Words of mutual consent
3 Under, asea
4 "— Free"
5 Agenda units
6 Ledger entries
7 High-ranking sister
8 Tottenham trucks
9 Complied
10 Coll. sports org.
11 German novelist Thomas
12 Creates an obligation
13 Solemn promise
14 Musical show
15 Bonnie Prince Charlie's destination, in song
16 Antler feature
17 Tolkien trees
18 Officers' eating place
25 ABA member's deg.
28 Driving forces
32 Hiver's opposite
33 Dog star
34 Pop. spread
35 Melville title
36 "She'll be coming —..."
38 Racing's "— War"
39 Matty of baseball
41 Menu offering
42 Continue
44 East of the Urals
46 Part of VIP
47 Palm fiber
48 "— thee late a rosy wreath": Jonson
50 Neuro, test
51 Pi followers
52 Chg. for a dollar
54 What RNs dispense
55 Oversupply
56 Couturier's line of interest
58 Combustible substance
61 Hale
62 Verandahs
63 "— mean a thing..."
64 The gods
65 Maritime hail
66 Youngster
69 Fr. distance units: Abbr.
70 Sported
71 Louis XIV, for one
72 Ubiquitous seabirds
74 — de veau
75 Actor Dullea
76 Occident
77 Lunar feature
78 Aviation prefix
79 Happy face
80 Those, in Torremolinos
83 Sweets
85 Hewer
86 Holiday havens
87 Taro
90 Tennis family
91 Turkey's neckpiece
92 Expunges
95 Make parallel
96 PGA member
97 Protest of a sort
98 First felon
99 Chorister's part
100 Ollie's buddy
102 Change course
103 Mme. Bovary
104 Lopez theme
105 Afrikaner
106 S-shaped molding
107 — one's way



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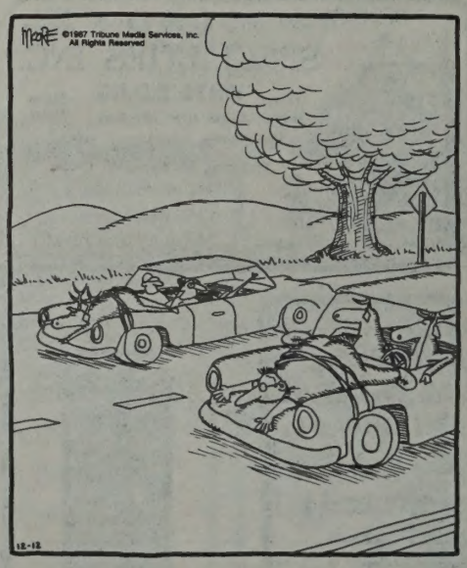

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

by Mike Peters

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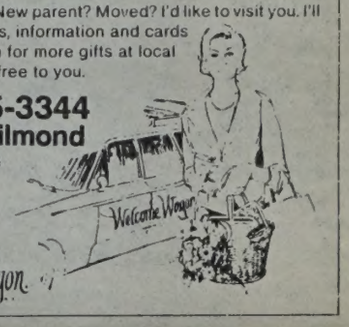

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